

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Art Unit: **2874**

Application Number: **10/098,585**

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Examiner: **WOOD, Kevin S.**

For: **COMPACT OPTICAL FIBER COUPLER**

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

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I, Markus Duelli, declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true:

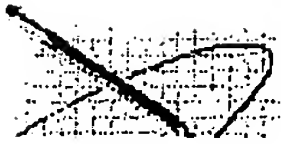
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Sworn at the city of Santa Rosa in the
State of California, this twelfth day of
November, 2003


Markus Duelli



Leland Black

11/15/2000 08:19 AM

To: Bob Hallock/Saro/OCLI@JDSUniphase

cc:

Subject: Re: Slides for Dave/ Jas visit 



Optics Sub-Assembly.pp Optical-Chip Assembly.pp
Leland



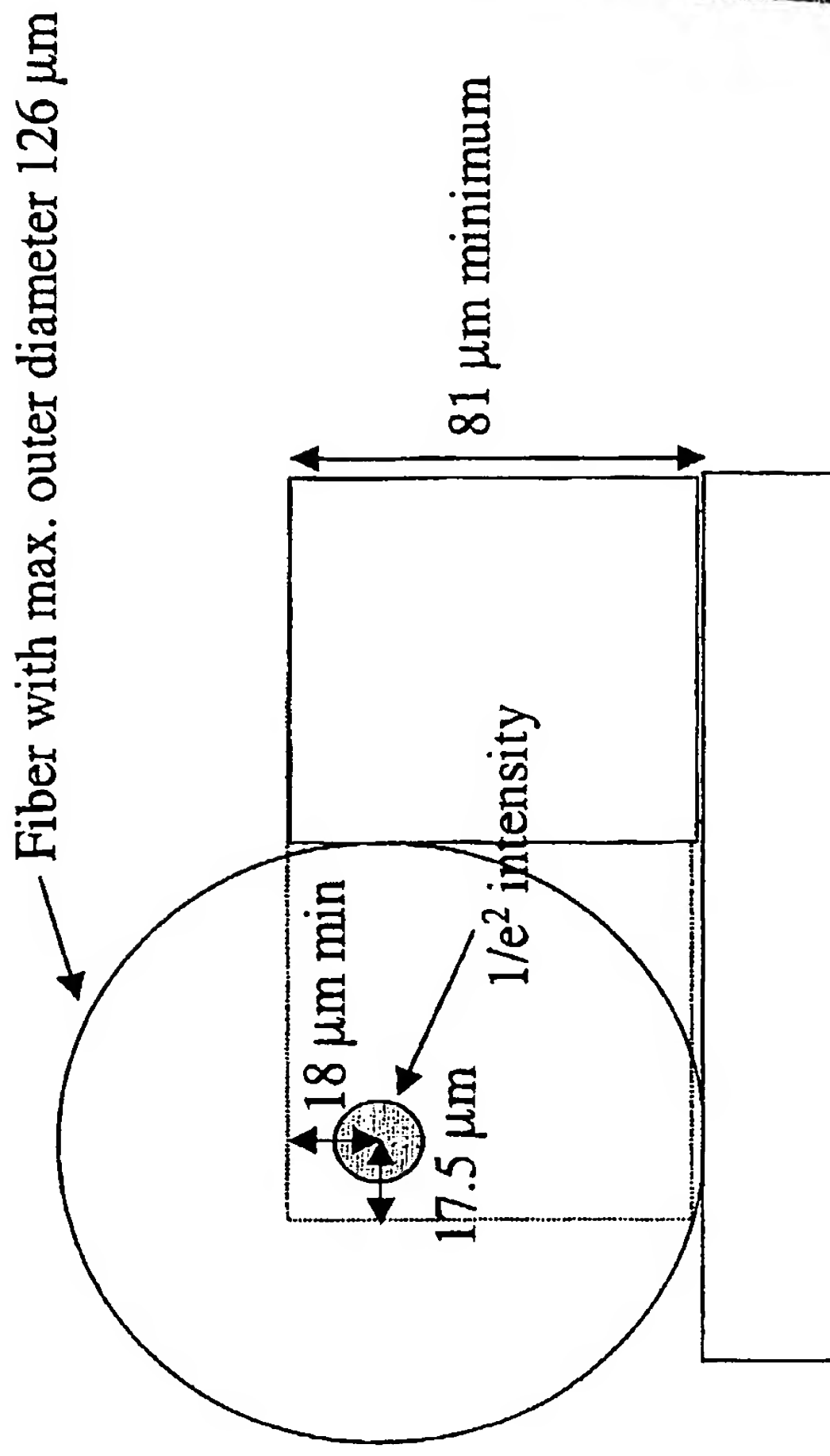
MEMS Optical Sub-Assembly

**Manufacturing Process and
Optical Performance**

Beam Size Limitation

Electrostatic MEMS mirror actuator

- Mirror movement: 35 μm
- Minimum fiber trench depth: 81 μm



For excess loss <0.05dB mirror diameter has to be larger than 3.54 x beam waist
 \Rightarrow maximum projected beam waist at mirror ($1/e^2$ -intensity radius) = 9.9 μm

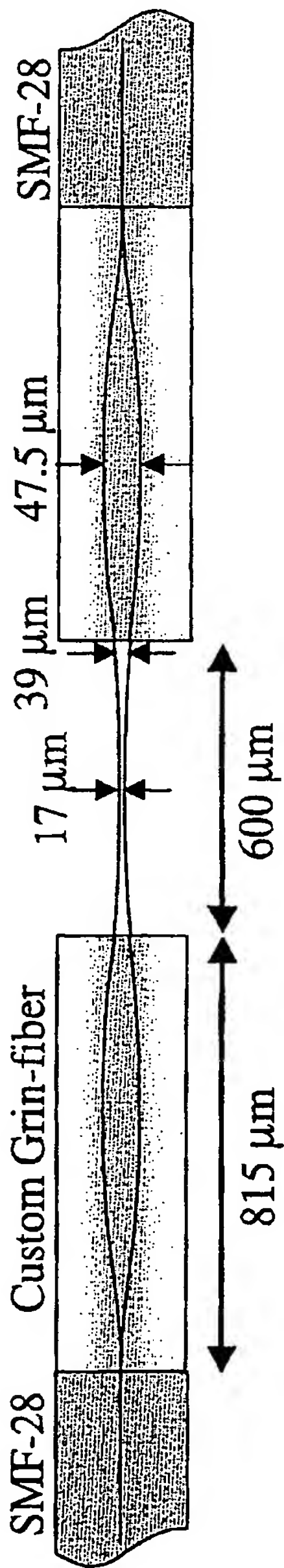
MEMS Product Development

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Optics Solution

Single mode fiber - custom Grin fiber assembly (30 degree angle between fibers)



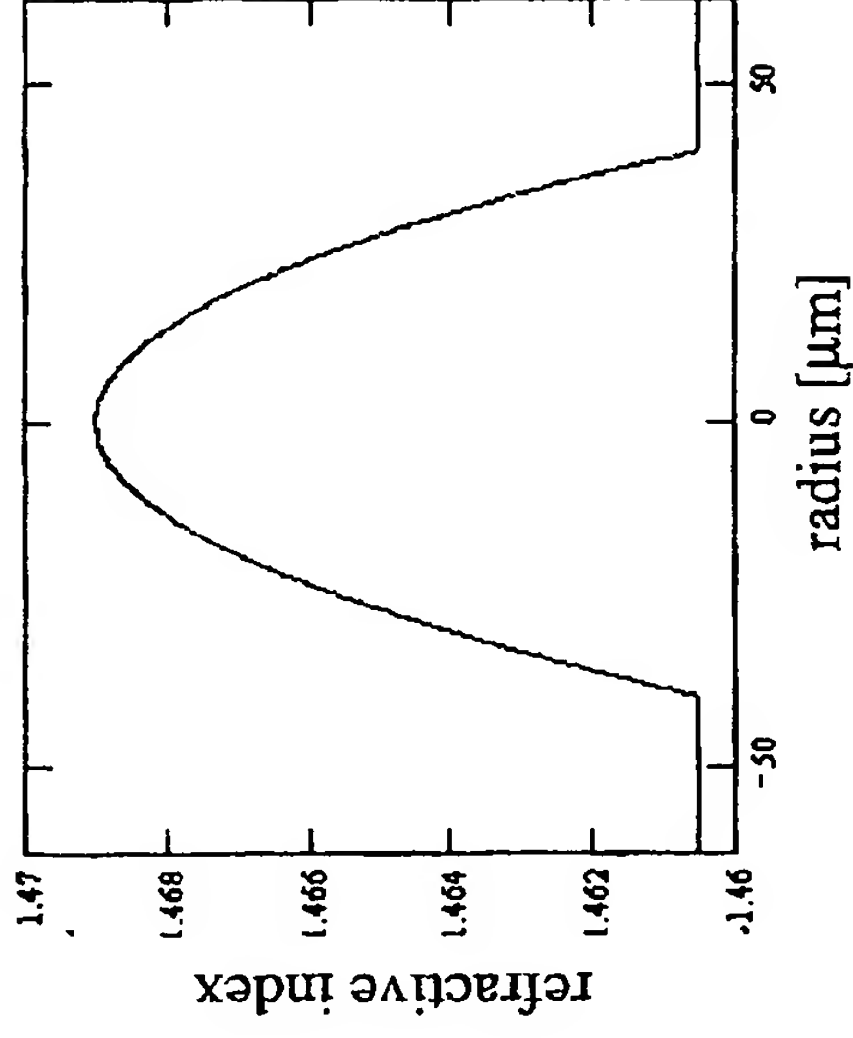
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Optics Solution - Con't

Gradient index profile:



$$n(r) := n_0 \left(1 - \frac{g^2}{2} \cdot r^2 \right)$$

$$g = 2.7 \text{ mm}^{-1}$$

$$n_0 = 1.469 \text{ (@ } \lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m)}$$

Return loss (4 degree angle cleave): 76 dB without AR
82 dB with 1% AR

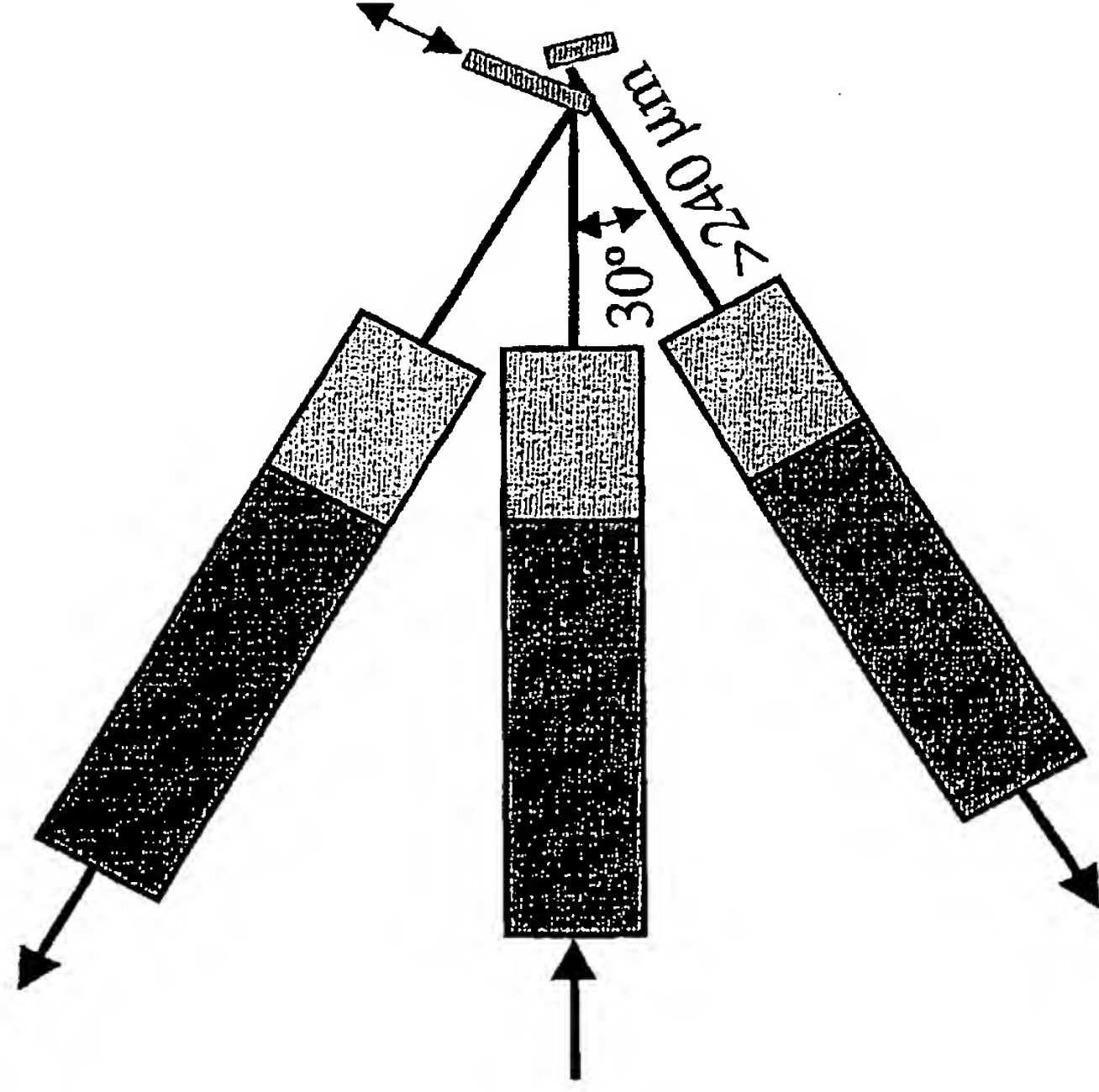
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Fiber-to-Fiber Working Distance

(30 degree angle between fibers)



126 μm diameter fibers touch at a working distance of 480 μm
 \Rightarrow fiber -to-fiber working distance $>480 \mu\text{m}$

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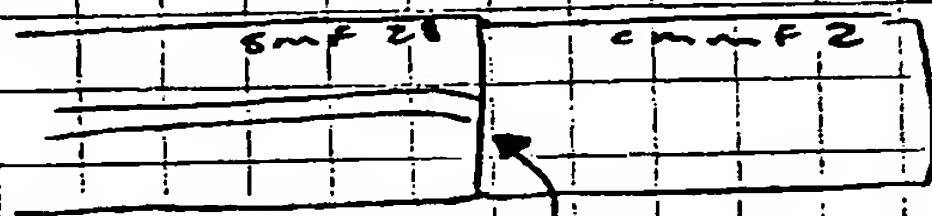
TITLE

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AS SEEN ON SPURSE

POTENTIAL ISSUE

SEEN w/ CMNF 2 BUT NOT CMNF 1

POSSIBLE PROGRAMS

- #1 5 μ m PUSH
2 μ m PULL
100 ms PREFUSE

→ LOOKED BETTER THEN STANDARD PROGRAM
BUT NOT AS GOOD AS CMNF 1
→ GOOD CLEAN

- #2 3 μ m PUSH
PULL
100 ms PREFUSE

→ STILL EXHIBITED PROBLEM, ALSO NECKED @
@ SPICE JOINT

- #3 3 μ m PUSH
PULL
70 ms PREFUSE

→ SAME PROBLEM, LESS NECKING @ JOINT

- #4 1 μ m PUSH
PULL
50 PREFUSE

→ LINK LOOKED GOOD BUT NECKED @ JOINT
• DUE TO LOAD GROW CMNF CLEANED TWICE
EXCESSIVE ROUNDING REPEAT

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SIGNATURE

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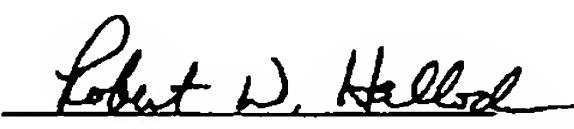
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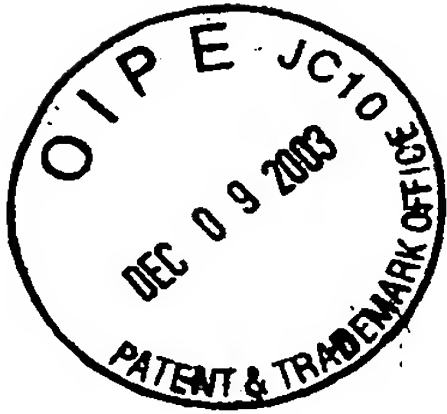
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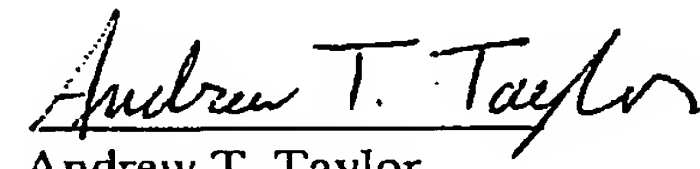
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